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## **OPA Daily Digest for 9/16/13**

### **Congressional Inquiries:**

None

### **State Government Inquiries:**

**Rep. Linda Black** (Mo): 9/16/13: Questions related to contract work on the Big River site. Contact: Sarah Hatch, 7199 (open)

### **Press Inquiries:**

**KSDK Channel 5, St. Louis** – Mike Bush – 9/16/13: Questions about West Lake Landfill Site, Bridgeton, Mo. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (closed)

**KSKU Radio, Hutchinson, Kansas** – Lucky Kidd – 9/13/13: Arranged and secured interview for the regional administrator at the Kansas State Fair. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (closed)

**High Plains Journal** – Doug Rich – 9/13/13: Arranged and secured interview for the regional administrator at the Kansas State Fair. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (closed)

**Iowa Public Radio** – Joyce Russell – 9/13/13: Interviewed the regional administrator about Iowa CAFO program improvements. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (closed)

**Wall Street Journal** – Mark Peters – 9/13/13: Per a request from the regional administrator contacted reporter about Iowa CAFO program improvements. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (closed)

**Lincoln Journal Star** – Art Hovey – 9/16/13: Question about Iowa's CAFO program. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (closed)

### **Environmental Stories:**

**KMOX Radio St. Louis - Fire Official Warns of New Hot Spot Near Bridgeton Radiation** - 9/16/13 - The fire department closest to the burning Bridgeton Landfill is keeping a close eye on a new hot spot near nuclear waste at the neighboring West Lake Landfill. <http://stlouis.cbslocal.com/2013/09/16/fire-official-warns-of-new-hot-spot-near-bridgeton-radiation/>

**National Hog Farmer - CAFO Inspection Settlement Reached in Iowa** - 9/16/13 - After six years of pressure from environmental groups alleging that the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has failed to properly enforce the Clean Water Act, an agreement has been reached between DNR and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), according to Des Moines legal counsel Eldon McAfee. <http://nationalhogfarmer.com/environment/cafo-inspection-settlement-reached-iowa>

**Iowa Farmer Today - Iowa DNR traces fish kill to two feedlots** - 9/13/13 - Officials say a preliminary investigation into a fish kill in Northwest Iowa indicates manure runoff from two feedlots is to blame. The state Department of Natural Resources says manure-contaminated runoff went into the Little Rock River east of here in Lyon County during the Labor Day weekend. [http://www.iowafarmertoday.com/news/livestock/iowa-dnr-traces-fish-kill-to-two-feedlots/article\\_5aba9070-1c84-11e3-af13-001a4bcf887a.html](http://www.iowafarmertoday.com/news/livestock/iowa-dnr-traces-fish-kill-to-two-feedlots/article_5aba9070-1c84-11e3-af13-001a4bcf887a.html)

**Politico - Obama prepares to take on Big Coal** - 9/15/13 - his week will bring a major gut check for President Barack Obama's climate agenda — specifically, his appetite to take on coal. EPA is due to release a White House-vetted proposal by Friday that would impose the first-ever limits on greenhouse gases produced by future power plants. <http://www.politico.com/story/2013/09/obama-prepares-to-take-on-big-coal-96833.html>

**St. Louis Beacon - Missouri Sierra Club begins 2014 endorsements early by announcing support for Clay** - 9/16/13 - Club officials cited a variety of other issues where they were on the same page with Clay. "We are deeply grateful to Congressman Clay for his support of investing in clean energy sources like wind and solar, that clean up the air while creating local jobs." [https://www.stlbeacon.org/#!/content/32781/sierra\\_club\\_clay\\_091613](https://www.stlbeacon.org/#!/content/32781/sierra_club_clay_091613)

**Associated Press - UI looks to wood chips to meet energy goal** - 9/14/13 - After more than a decade of success with burning oat hulls as a source of renewable energy, the University of Iowa is now turning to a new biomass source: wood chips. [http://qctimes.com/news/state-and-regional/iowa/ui-looks-to-wood-chips-to-meet-energy-goal/article\\_b3002896-ffe4-5b57-bff8-b31829547eee.html](http://qctimes.com/news/state-and-regional/iowa/ui-looks-to-wood-chips-to-meet-energy-goal/article_b3002896-ffe4-5b57-bff8-b31829547eee.html)

**St. Louis Post-Dispatch - Missouri Legislature chips away at lawsuits with veto overrides** - 9/16/13 - Three of Gov. Jay Nixon's vetoes -- including the Doe Run legislation -- that were overridden by the Legislature last week could have benefited the Democratic governor's biggest backers: trial lawyers. [http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/missouri-legislature-chips-away-at-lawsuits-with-veto-overrides/article\\_47e49050-dcb1-5342-9274-968b9f83e166.html](http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/missouri-legislature-chips-away-at-lawsuits-with-veto-overrides/article_47e49050-dcb1-5342-9274-968b9f83e166.html)

**KSDK Ch. 5 St. Louis - Republic Services Recycling goes up in flames in south St. Louis County** - 9/13/13 - The flames were large, the smoke was black and caused part of Interstate 55 to be shut down. Republic Services Recycling went up in smoke around lunchtime Friday in south St. Louis County. <http://www.ksdk.com/rss/article/397794/3/South-County-recycling-facility-goes-up-in-flames->

**Brownfield Ag News - Commentary: Lawmakers out of touch with farmers** - 9/13/13 - If ever there was evidence the House is out of touch with the people who feed us, the seemingly unending saga of the 2013 Farm Bill is it. <http://brownfieldagnews.com/2013/09/13/lawmakers-touch-farmers/>

**Politico - Exclusive: The Koch brothers' secret bank** - 9/13/13 - An Arlington, Va.-based conservative group, whose existence until now was unknown to almost everyone in politics, raised and spent \$250 million in 2012 to shape political and policy debate nationwide. <http://www.politico.com/story/2013/09/behind-the-curtain-exclusive-the-koch-brothers-secret-bank-96669.html>

**Topeka Capital-Journal (Kan.) - Editorial: Toxic waste not just business driven** - 9/12/13 - News that the Kansas Department of Health and Environment is seeking public comment on a \$2.3 million plan for continued remediation of soil and groundwater contamination at the site of a former chemical plant in North Topeka gives all Kansans cause to consider their own habits when it comes to disposing of hazardous waste. <http://cjonline.com/opinion/2013-09-12/editorial-toxic-waste-not-just-business-driven>

**Topeka Capital-Journal (Kan.) - Southeast Kansas sees wastewater plant as economic development tool | Cities, Cherokee County, Quapaw tribe combine forces** - 9/14/13 - Two cities, a county and an Oklahoma-based tribe have joined forces to clean up their water — and hopefully lure a few businesses with the new system. <http://cjonline.com/news/business/2013-09-14/southeast-kansas-sees-wastewater-plant-economic-development-tool>

**Columbus Dispatch (Ohio) - U.S. policy spurs coal's EPA beef** - 9/15/13 - A battle is being fought between Ohio coal companies and the U.S. EPA over pollution limits, and Gov. John Kasich and the Ohio EPA are caught in the middle. <http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/local/2013/09/15/u-s--policy-spurs-coals-epa-beef.html>

**New York Times - E.P.A. Is Expected to Set Limits on Greenhouse Gas Emissions by New Power Plants** - 9/14/13 - Following up on President Obama's pledge in June to address climate change, the Environmental Protection Agency plans next week to propose the first-ever limits on greenhouse gas emissions from newly built power plants. [www.nytimes.com/2013/09/14/us/epa-is-expected-to-set-limits-on-greenhouse-gas-emissions-by-new-power-plants.html](http://www.nytimes.com/2013/09/14/us/epa-is-expected-to-set-limits-on-greenhouse-gas-emissions-by-new-power-plants.html)

**Wall St. Exploits Ethanol Credits, and Prices Spike** - 9/15/13 - It was supposed to help clean the air, reduce dependence on foreign oil and bolster agriculture. But a little known market in ethanol credits has also become a hot new game on Wall Street. <http://www.nytimes.com/2013/09/15/business/wall-st-exploits-ethanol-credits-and-prices-spike.html>

**Biofuels Digest - RFS2 – The battle continues** - 9/16/13 - yesterday, the New York Times ran a major piece looking at the role of financial institutions in driving RINsanity — the rapid rollercoaster in biofuels credits known as Renewable Information Numbers (RINs), the accounting mechanism for the Renewable Fuel Standard. <http://www.biofuelsdigest.com/bdigest/2013/09/16/rfs2-the-battle-continues/>

**Forbes - Column: The Renewable Fuel Standards Mess** - 9/15/13 - Pity the American farmer. Now, if Senators Klobuchar and Grassley are to be believed, they have been the victims of monopolistic behavior by the oil companies, who are limiting sales of ethanol-enhanced gasoline by requiring gasoline stations to carry premium fuel. <http://www.forbes.com/sites/michaellynch/2013/09/15/the-renewable-fuel-standards-mess/>

**NRDC (blog) - Chicken Littles of the Coal Industry Come Home to Roost** - 9/13/13 - To hear the coal industry tell it, EPA's plan to establish sensible limits on carbon pollution from future power plants is tantamount to a ban on the lifeblood of America. In reality, we have an obligation to protect our children and future generations from climate change. [http://switchboard.nrdc.org/blogs/dlashof/chicken\\_littles\\_of\\_the\\_coal\\_in.html](http://switchboard.nrdc.org/blogs/dlashof/chicken_littles_of_the_coal_in.html)

**Christian Science Monitor - Move over Keystone XL. There's a new pipeline in town** - 9/13/13 - With the fate of the Keystone XL pipeline up in the air, the company behind the controversial pipeline is pushing forward with a separate pipeline to refineries in Canada. <http://www.csmonitor.com/Environment/Energy-Voices/2013/0913/Move-over-Keystone-XL-There-s-a-new-pipeline-in-town>

**Living on Earth - EPA Scraps Chemical Safety Rules (+audio)** - 9/13/13 - Blocked for years by the White House Office of Management and Budget, two chemical safety rules have been dropped altogether by the EPA. Environmental Defense Fund's Richard Denison tells host Steve Curwood why this is bad news for public health. <http://www.loe.org/shows/segments.html?programID=13-hi>

**Houston Business Journal - Are waste-to-gas technologies a good investment?** - 9/13/13 - The buzz about waste-to-gas technologies is gradually growing louder in the energy and chemical industries. While there are many potential advantages of these technologies, a new report prepared for the American Chemistry Council points out that there are still some drawbacks to such investments. <http://www.bizjournals.com/houston/blog/nuts-and-bolts/2013/09/are-waste-to-gas-technologies-a-good.html>

**Philadelphia Inquirer - GreenSpace: Proximity to industrial plants' benzene linked to cancer** - 9/15/13 - Benzene may seem innocuous - it is clear, colorless, and has a slightly sweet odor. But it's one bad actor. It's a carcinogen, and you don't want to be breathing it. New research shows that highways may be the biggest bad actor for benzene. [http://www.philly.com/philly/news/science/20130915\\_GreenSpace\\_Proximity\\_to\\_industrial\\_plants\\_benzene\\_linked\\_to\\_cancer.html](http://www.philly.com/philly/news/science/20130915_GreenSpace_Proximity_to_industrial_plants_benzene_linked_to_cancer.html)

**The New York Times - An Unusual Public Battle Over an Energy Nomination** - 9/ The coal industry, feeling threatened by federal efforts to promote wind and solar power, has opened a counterattack by opposing President Obama's nomination of a renewable electricity advocate to head the federal agency with jurisdiction over power lines. <http://www.nytimes.com/2013/09/16/business/energy-environment/a-federal-energy-nomination-sets-off-an-unusual-public-battle.html>

**E&E Daily - FERC nominee to spark political showdown on Senate panel; other picks less controversial** - 9/16/13 - The highly controversial and increasingly political confirmation of President Obama's pick to lead the otherwise quiet Federal Energy Regulatory Commission will take center stage this week before the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. <http://www.eenews.net/eedaily/stories/1059987254>

**E&E Daily - House E&C panel delves into Obama's global warming plan** - 9/16/13 - House Republicans will have a chance to take a pre-emptive whack at U.S. EPA's

forthcoming carbon proposal for future power plants Wednesday, when an Energy and Commerce Committee subpanel hears from two key players on President Obama's climate change plan. <http://www.eenews.net/eedaily/stories/1059987264>

**E&E Daily - Panel continues look at TSCA reform with eye on pre-emption** - 9/16/13 - As the Senate continues its work on a bipartisan bill to update the nation's chemical regulation system, a House panel will consider what has become the thorniest issue in that effort: how to balance state and federal regulations. <http://www.eenews.net/eedaily/stories/1059987259>

**E&E Daily - Nebraska-centric hearing on pipeline to mark 5th anniversary of federal review** - 9/16/13 - House Republicans this week will stage a fifth anniversary party for the \$5.3 billion, 1,179-mile totem of both camps in the capital's climate wars that combines Beltway pomp with the no-guff spirit of Nebraska. <http://www.eenews.net/eedaily/stories/1059987258>

**National Hog Farmer - Drought Increases in Midwest, South** - 9/13/13 - Hot, dry weather in the Midwest and South led to incremental increases in drought on the Sept. 10 U.S. Drought Monitor map. <http://nationalhogfarmer.com/nutrition/drought-increases-midwest-south>

**National Hog Farmer - Optical Sensors Track Nitrate Levels to the Gulf of Mexico** - 9/12/13 - The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), in cooperation with numerous local, state and other federal agencies currently operates more than 52 real-time nitrate sensors across the nation to monitor nitrate runoff. <http://nationalhogfarmer.com/environment/optical-sensors-track-nitrate-levels-gulf-mexico>

**Wall Street Journal - Target: Natural Gas** - 9/15/13 - The oil and gas fracking boom increased household disposable income by \$1,200 last year as lower energy costs flowed to consumers, according to a new study from IHS Global Insight. So Americans may want to know that President Obama's nominee to chair the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) thinks natural gas is a "dead end." <http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424127887324009304579043063675186946.html>

**Farm Futures - USDA To Provide Support for Advanced Biofuel Production** - 9/13/13 - The USDA Thursday announced a nearly \$15.5 million payment program to 188 advanced biofuels producers in an effort to satisfy President Obama's energy plan and expand the rural economy, the agency said. <http://farmfutures.com/story-usda-provide-support-advanced-biofuel-production-0-102366>

**Greenwire - NRC says waste can be stored near shuttered reactors for 60 years** - 9/13/13 - The Nuclear Regulatory Commission in a new environmental analysis released today said there are no environmental issues that would preclude the storage of hot, radioactive waste near reactors for up to 60 years after plants are closed. <http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/stories/1059987220>

**Greenwire - First lady's drinking water initiative doesn't address trash issue -- enviros** - 9/13/13 - A campaign launched by Michelle Obama to encourage people to drink more water has drawn criticism from environmentalists for not addressing trash and funding concerns. <http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/stories/1059987205>

**E&E News PM - Widespread energy storage still a decade away** -- EPRI scientist - 9/13/13 - Despite significant growth in technology development, widespread use of energy storage on the electric grid is 10 to 20 years away, according to a top scientist at the Electric Power Research Institute. <http://www.eenews.net/eenewspm/stories/1059987234>

**E&E News PM - Ozone standard analysis did not receive proper peer review** -- IG audit - 9/13/13 - An EPA analysis related to ozone pollution standards was submitted to the rulemaking docket without proper peer review, an inspector general audit found. <http://www.eenews.net/eenewspm/stories/1059987233>

**E&E News PM - Farm groups slam environmentalists for using privacy lawsuit to 'vilify' farmers** - 9/13/13 - The nation's largest farm and pork producer groups today blasted environmentalists for using a privacy lawsuit against U.S. EPA to "vilify" industrial-scale farming. <http://www.eenews.net/eenewspm/stories/1059987231>

**The Hill - House climate hearing draws EPA, Energy Dept. chiefs – and that's it** - 9/13/13 - The House Energy and Commerce Committee hearing on the White House climate change plan is down to two witnesses: The heads of the Environmental Protection Agency and the Energy Department. <http://thehill.com/blogs/e2-wire/e2-wire/322125-house-climate-hearing-draws-epa-energy-dept-chiefs-and-thats-it>

**The Hill - States accuse EPA of exceeding its authority with climate change plan** - 9/13/13 - The attorneys general in 17 states -- including Kansas and Nebraska - contend the Environmental Protection Agency has overreached in pursuit of President Obama's plan to counter the effects of climate change via federal regulation. <http://thehill.com/blogs/regwatch/energyenvironment/322245-state-ags-accuse-epa-of-exceeding-authority-on-obamas-climate-plan>

**Futurity - Grid storage: Good for solar, but not for wind?** - 9/13/13 - When wind farms generate more energy than is needed by consumers, it may be better to temporarily shut the turbines down rather than store surplus electricity for later use. <http://www.futurity.org/wind-storage-costly-waste-energy/>

**Inside Climate - Why Are Some Big Utilities Embracing Small-Scale Solar Power?** - 9/12/13 - One of New York's largest utilities will save \$84 million by paying developers to put solar panels on the roofs of buildings. And it's not alone. <http://insideclimatenews.org/news/20130912/why-are-some-big-utilities-embracing-small-scale-solar-power>

**Inside Climate - Exclusive: Pipeline Safety Chief Says His Regulatory Process Is 'Kind of Dying'** - 9/11/13 - With 'few tools to work with,' PHMSA's Jeffrey Wiese says he is creating a YouTube channel to persuade industry to voluntarily improve safety. <http://insideclimatenews.org/news/20130911/exclusive-pipeline-safety-chief-says-his-regulatory-process-kind-dying>

**Huntington Post - The Most Important Climate Pacts You've Never Heard Of** - 9/14/13 - With global efforts to reduce carbon dioxide emissions stalled, cutting short-lived climate pollutants has emerged as an unsung story of U.S.-led progress in the international climate arena. [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/09/14/climate-agreements\\_n\\_3923142.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/09/14/climate-agreements_n_3923142.html)

**BNA - Better Oversight of Ethics Concerns Needed For Clean Air Advisory Panels, Report Says** - 9/16/13 - The Environmental Protection Agency needs to document better how it addresses potential conflicts of interest with Clean Air Act advisory council members, the Office of the Inspector General said in a report released Sept. 13. [http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\\_display.adp?fedfid=36502291&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e1r4z2m2&split=0](http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=36502291&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e1r4z2m2&split=0)

**BNA - Vitter Asks Treasury Department to Provide More Documents About Possible Carbon Tax** - 9/16/13 - Sen. David Vitter (R-La.) asked the Treasury Department to provide several thousand additional documents related to any discussion of a possible carbon tax in a Sept. 13 letter. [http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\\_display.adp?fedfid=36502302&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e1r5c0f8&split=0](http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=36502302&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e1r5c0f8&split=0)

**BNA - Energy Officials Project Accelerated Pace For Efficiency Regulations Will Last for Years** - 9/16/13 - Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz told an independent advisory board the "quicken pace" of proposed and final Energy Department regulations for energy efficiency will continue for "quite a period." [http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\\_display.adp?fedfid=36502290&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e1r4y2r0&split=0](http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=36502290&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e1r4y2r0&split=0)

**BNA - Agency Improperly Withheld Some E-Mails Requested Under FOIA, Court Filing Says** - 9/16/13 - The Environmental Protection Agency failed to properly respond to a Freedom of Information Act request by improperly withholding certain e-mails and relying on "often erroneous" privilege claims as the basis for not supplying documents. [http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\\_display.adp?fedfid=36502298&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e1r5a7q8&split=0](http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=36502298&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e1r5a7q8&split=0)

**BNA - EPA Guidance Says States May Adopt Combined Criterion for Nitrogen, Phosphorus** - 9/16/13 - An Environmental Protection Agency guidance document gives states the option of developing a combined numeric criterion for nitrogen and phosphorus based on how aquatic organisms, such as algae or macroinvertebrates, respond to increased levels of the two pollutants. [http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\\_display.adp?fedfid=36502303&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e1r5c6v0&split=0](http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=36502303&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e1r5c6v0&split=0)

**BNA - Study Warns of Greater Economic Costs From Delay of Climate Mitigation Decisions** - 9/16/13 - The short-term costs of mitigating climate change could triple if policy changes are not adopted until 2030 rather than by 2015, according to a study by a German climate research organization. [http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\\_display.adp?fedfid=36502301&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e1r5b1n4&split=0](http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=36502301&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e1r5b1n4&split=0)

**Inside EPA - EPA Rejects Agencies' Call To Soften Assessment Of PAH 'Index' Chemical** - 9/16/13 - EPA has rejected calls from other federal agencies to soften its assessment of benzo(a)pyrene (BaP), an assessment that the agency is planning to use as the index against which to measure risks posed by other polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs). <http://insideepa.com/Superfund-Report/Superfund-Report-09/16/2013/epa-rejects-agencies-call-to-soften-assessment-of-pah-index-chemical/menu-id-128.html>



**Inside EPA - States Seek Federal Assistance In Identifying, Combating Mercury Sources** - 9/16/13 - States are calling on EPA and other federal officials to take a series of steps aimed at identifying unregulated products that contain mercury and limiting potential exposures. <http://insideepa.com/Superfund-Report/Superfund-Report-09/16/2013/states-seek-federal-assistance-in-identifying-combating-mercury-sources/menu-id-128.html>

**Inside EPA - Utilities Argue New EPA Data Support Weakest Solid Waste Coal Ash Rule** - 9/13/13 - Power plant operators claim EPA's recent notice of data availability (NODA) for its long-delayed coal ash disposal rule bolsters the sector's claims that the best approach for the agency to take is a least-stringent solid waste rule. <http://insideepa.com/Superfund-Report/Superfund-Report-09/16/2013/utilities-argue-new-epa-data-support-weakest-solid-waste-coal-ash-rule/menu-id-128.html>

**Inside EPA - Waste Sector Urges EPA To Exempt Landfill Gas From GHG Requirements** - 9/13/13 - The waste industry is pushing EPA to exclude landfill gas from greenhouse gas (GHG) regulations in its stalled rulemaking to address how the agency plans to treat biogenic carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions in air permits. <http://insideepa.com/Superfund-Report/Superfund-Report-09/16/2013/waste-sector-urges-epa-to-exempt-landfill-gas-from-ghg-requirements/menu-id-128.html>

**Inside EPA - EPA IG Finds No Bias On Air Advisory Panels** - 9/13/13 - EPA's Inspector General (IG) has issued a report that finds no bias on the agency's advisory committees that provide recommendations on air policies. <http://insideepa.com/201309132446825/EPA-Blog/The-Inside-Story/epa-ig-finds-no-bias-on-air-advisory-panels/menu-id-97.html>

**Inside EPA - States Prepare To Lead 'Command And Control' Plan To Curb Air Transport** - 9/16/13 - State air officials are preparing to take the lead writing strict and potentially costly "command and control" emission control rules for facilities within their jurisdiction in lieu of an EPA-led interstate air policy. <http://cleanenergyreport.com/201309162446850/Clean-Energy-Report-Daily-News/News/states-prepare-to-lead-command-and-control-plan-to-curb-air-transport/menu-id-202.html>

**Inside EPA - Appellate Ruling Prompts New State Law Tort Suit Over Utility's Emissions** - 9/13/13 - Lawyers representing Pennsylvania citizens have filed what they say could be the first of several new tort suits under state law for alleged public nuisance from utilities' emissions. <http://cleanenergyreport.com/201309132446748/Clean-Energy-Report-Daily-News/News/appellate-ruling-prompts-new-state-law-tort-suit-over-utilitys-emissions/menu-id-202.html>

**Inside EPA - Backing Chesapeake TMDL, Court Upholds EPA Power To Set Nonpoint Limits** - 9/13/13 - A federal judge has upheld EPA's landmark multi-state total maximum daily load (TMDL) for the Chesapeake Bay against a sweeping industry challenge, holding that the agency's interpretation of the Clean Water Act (CWA) to allow it to specify separate load allocations for point and nonpoint sources is reasonable and deserves judicial deference. <http://insideepa.com/201309132446826/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/backing-chesapeake-tmdl-court-upholds-epa-power-to-set-nonpoint-limits/menu-id-95.html>

**Inside EPA - Novel Urban Flood Study May Help EPA Assess Stormwater Rule's Benefits** - 9/13/13 - The Center for Neighborhood Technology (CNT), a group that promotes sustainable communities, has completed a first-time study on property damage claims from stormwater flooding that the group hopes will aid EPA. <http://insideepa.com/201309132446706/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/novel-urban-flood-study-may-help-epa-assess-stormwater-rules-benefits/menu-id-95.html>

**Inside EPA - States Cite Dwindling Resources In Push To Limit EPA's Review Framework** - 9/13/13 - State water regulators are urging EPA to consider agencies' diminishing budgets as it works to streamline its framework for assessing the adequacy of state enforcement and permitting programs. <http://insideepa.com/201309132446702/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/states-cite-dwindling-resources-in-push-to-limit-epas-review-framework/menu-id-95.html>

## **Press Releases:**

Link to all R7 press releases: <http://go.usa.gov/Qx5>

None

## **Fact Sheets:**

Link to all R7 fact sheets: <http://www.epa.gov/region7/factsheets>

None

### **Upcoming Administrator/RA Events:**

\* New additions noted with an asterisk

**9/19/2013** - Bridgeton Update with Sara Parker Pauley and Leanne Tippet Mosby, MDNR, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Ron Hammerschmidt, 7566

**10/2/13** - Quaker Oats WasteWise Event, Columbia, Mo. Contact: Becky Weber, 7487

**10/2/13** - Bridgeton Update with Sara Parker Pauley and Missouri Attorney General Chris Koster, Jefferson City, Mo., Contact: Ron Hammerschmidt, 7566

**10/3/13** - 2013 TMDL 4-State Conference, Regional Office. Contact: John DeLashmit, 7821

**10/31/13** - RA Meeting, Washington DC. Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

**10/8/13** – Children’s Health Month – EJ Small Grants Kick-Off Event, TBD. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555

**10/10/13** – Choteau Gateway Discussion with St. Louis Mayor, St. Louis, Mo. Contact: Karen Flournoy, 7782

**10/15/13** - 2013 Fall Water Symposium, Lincoln, Neb. Contact: Karen Flournoy, 7782

**10/29-30/13** - SES National Executive Leadership Development Conference, Washington, DC. Contact: Becky Weber, 7487

**11/15/13** – R7 Senior Management Retreat, National Archives at Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Wendy Lubbe, 7551

### **DRA:**

**10/07/13** - National SPCC Training Conference, Regional Office Contact: Margaret Stockdale, 7936

**10/09/13** - Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration, Regional Office Contact: Karim Dawani, 7289

**10/29-30/13** - SES National Executive Leadership Development Conference - Washington, DC. Contact: Becky Weber, 7487

**10/31 –11/1/13** - Executive Management Council Meeting, Washington, DC Contact: Dana Peters, 7444

### **RA/Immediate Office**

None

### **Other Events**

### **AWMD**

None

## **CNSL**

None

## **ECO/EJ**

**9/24 - 25/13** – EJ Small Grant Coordinators Workshop, Arlington, Va. Contact: Brendan Corazzin, 7429

**10/9/13** – Black Health Care Coalition EJ Small Grant Kick Off, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Althea Moses, 7649

**11/1/2013** – EJ Presentation at Children's Mercy Hospital, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Althea Moses, 7649

## **ENSV**

None

## **PLMG**

None

## **RA/OPA**

**\*9/24/13** – Attend CAG meeting for West Lake Landfill Superfund site, St. Louis, Mo. Contact: Ben Washburn, 7364, Debbie Kring, 7725

## **SUPR**

None

## **WWPD**

**9/16-20/13** – Sanitary Survey Training, Mt Pleasant, Mich. Contact: Kimberly Willis, 7069

**9/16-17/13** - Mitigation Banking compliance site visits in Owego and Missouri Valley, Iowa. Contact: Jason Daniels, 7443

**\*9/17-19/13** – Tribal Visits to Prairie Band, Walthill and Santee Sioux, South Sioux City, Neb. Contact: Rao Surampalli, 7453

**9/18/13** - Missouri Water Enforcement Association, Stormwater/Watershed Management Conference, Columbia, Mo. Contacts: Tabatha Adkins, 7128, Bruce Perkins, 7067

**9/22-26/13** – Ground Water Protection Council meeting with other state Primacy Agencies, St. Louis, Mo. Contacts: Mary Tietjen-Mindrup, 7431, Kurt Hildebrandt, 7413

**9/23/13** - Kansas Department of Health and Environment program implementation issues, Topeka, Kan. Contact: Steve Schaff, 7447

**\*9/18/13** – Renovation, Repair, and Painting Rule and Lead Hazard Disclosure Presentation, Missouri Association of Code Enforcement, Lake Ozark, Mo. Contact: Tom Brick, 7913



**\*9/24/13** – Metropolitan Sewer District Consent Decree Update, St. Louis, Mo. Contacts: Karen Flourney, 7782, Jodi Bruno, 7810

**\*9/25/13** - Missouri Water and Wastewater Conference, Columbia, Mo. Contacts: Neftali Hernandez-Santiago, 7036, Stan Calow, 7410

**9/30/13** - Kansas Department of Health and Environment program implementation issues, Topeka, Kan. Contact: Steve Schaff, 7447

**\*10/3/13** – Iowa Tribes Sanitary Survey, White Cloud, Kan. Contact: Kimberly Willis, 7069

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